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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Mr. Robert Quirk as the Board's Site Representative at the Department of Energy's Hanford Site. Mr. Quirk will report for full-time duty in July 2005, replacing Mr. Mark Sautman as part of the Board's normal rotation of Site Representatives.

The Board is an independent federal government agency with public health and safety oversight responsibilities at the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities. As the Board's Hanford Site Representative, Mr. Quirk will advise the Board with regard to the overall safety and health conditions, and will participate in the conduct of reviews and evaluations by the Board related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of defense nuclear facilities. He will also act as the Board's liaison with the Department of Energy and Hanford management, federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Quirk has more than 25 years of experience in various aspects of nuclear facility design, operations, and management. He joined the Board in April 2002. His previous assignments with the Board included responsibility for staff activities related to improving the quality of computer software and the design and operation of instrumentation and control systems.

Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Quirk was an engineering consultant for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Mr. Quirk also worked as a design engineer and manager at the Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant, and an engineering manager for a firm that built simulators used to train nuclear power plant operators. During 1976-1982, he was a commissioned officer in the United States Navy and served on board two nuclear powered submarines.

Mr. Quirk holds a Bachelors degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Masters degree from Johns Hopkins University. He has also completed additional post-graduate courses in software engineering and computer science.

Mr. Quirk will reside in the Richland area with his wife Rose and their two children.